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Title V of U.S. Code, Section 7114(a) (2) (B), provides that a union with exclusive recognition must be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination (i.e., interview, discussion, or meeting) of a bargaining unit employee by a management official or representative in connection with an investigation **if**:

- a. The employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee; and
- b. the employee requests representation.

For more information, contact Bertha Flagg, Human Resources, at (601) 634-7369.

Public Service Recognition Week May 10-13

Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, is a time set aside each year to honor the men and women who serve America as federal, state and local government employees. Throughout the nation and around the world, public employees use the week to educate citizens about the many ways in which government serves the people and how government services make life better for all of us.

The National celebration of Public Service Recognition Week will occur from May 10-13 on The Mall.

For four days, more than 100 government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private companies will exhibit and celebrate the innovation and quality of work performed by public employees. Marching bands, jazz combos and barbershop quartets will entertain the crowds and kids can meet Smokey the Bear, climb aboard an F-16, and take home free buttons, coloring posters, maps and puzzles. And bigger “kids” can take home free posters from the National Endowment of the Arts, explore space technology with NASA, and find out about jobs in the federal government.

Other highlights include computer demonstrations, emergency vehicles, helicopters, free health screening tests, EPA hazardous waste response equipment, military helicopters and jets. Government workers will be on hand to answer questions about what they do and why they have chosen public service careers. The Mall Event is a great opportunity for organizations to exhibit to the American public the services that they provide.

Calendar of Events

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| May 10 | Tour for Lt. Gen. Robert Noonan Jr. (Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence and Maj. Gen. Robert Harding (Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence) 8-11 a.m. |
| May 16 | Tour for Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers and USACE Staff – Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. |
| June 20 | Engineer Day – Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3 - 9 a.m. to Noon |
| June 28 | TEC Open House/Picnic – Veteran’s Park - Woodbridge |

Web Sites

ERDC R&D Personnel Evaluation Process Information

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/training/careerindex.htm>.

Ethics Training

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/training>

ERDC Awards

(<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/training/awards/awards.htm>

Local College and University Links

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/training/collegelinks.htm>.

Lab Demo Statistics Available on Intranet

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/hr/labdemo/index.htm>

ERDC Intranet Notes: Personnel Directories

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil>

Site Bulletins Available on Intranet

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/command/index.htm>

ERDC Travel Update

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/lmo/travel/index.htm>

ERDC Publications on Internet

<http://erdc.usace.army.mil/pubs/index.htm>

ERDC Job Vacancies

<http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/hr/vacancies/index.htm>

<http://www.cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/public.html>

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/a9.htm>

Proposed OPM Product Design for Long-term Care Insurance Program

<http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/design/introduction.htm>

Basic Financial Management (web-based) Training

<http://pdsc.usace.army.mil>

Commander's Mailbox

ERDC team members are reminded that an electronic mailbox has been established to allow employees to send questions and/or comments to the Commander. If an employee wishes to remain anonymous, his or her name will be deleted from the question before it is forwarded to the Commander for comment. Employees' questions will be answered via return e-mail. Answers to anonymous and frequently asked questions will be posted in the Employee Information Bulletin.

The address in Outlook is, "ERDC Commander." Again, all information is kept strictly confidential and all questions are addressed directly by the Commander.

Departure

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| Nancy VanNice (Retirement) | CT | N/A | May 3 |
| Jan Piotrowski (Promotion) | ITL | DISA | May 5 |

FOR THE DIRECTOR

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U N O F F I C I A L

Carney Wins Poster Award at University of Maine Graduate Research Exposition

Valerie Carney, a cartographer in the Information Generation and Management Branch recently won an award in the Third Annual Graduate Research Exposition sponsored by the University of Maine. Valerie's poster session submission in the Engineering Category of the competition was judged the best for its academic content. Her poster "Improving Uncertainty Management Through Readily Accessible Metadata" describes the research and development of an integrated environment, where links or relationships between spatial data and their quality-related metadata (descriptions of data sets) will be established.

"The linking of spatial data and metadata will allow users to easily access data quality information, in addition to having the capability to automatically update metadata," Valerie explained. "The results of this work will provide substantial improvements to existing GIS technology, giving spatial data users immediate access to up-to-date metadata."

Three years ago, the university's Association of Graduate Students began the exposition as a vehicle for students to showcase their research efforts. This year, 101 students presented posters in the five disciplinary categories: Biological Sciences, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Physics and Chemistry, Physical Sciences and Engineering. There are two sub-categories within each category, one for academic content and one for artistic presentation. The Engineering Category includes Biological, Chemical, Civil and Environmental, Electrical and Computer, Mechanical, School of Engineering Technology, and Spatial Information Science and Engineering.

Currently, Valerie is pursuing a Ph.D. at the university's Department of Spatial Information Science and Engineering.

ASMC Luncheon Scheduled for May 17

The Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will be hosting their May luncheon at the Fort Belvoir Community Club on May 17 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speakers will be Ms. Robin Walick and Ms. Anne Mitchell, ASMC Chapter Officers who will present this years ASMC awards and scholarships.

The cost is \$13 for members and \$13.75 for non-members. If you're interested in attending the May luncheon, please contact me via e-mail NLT COB May 10. All TEC members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ASMC is a non-profit educational and professional organization for military and civilian personnel involved in or having an interest in military comptrollership. ASMC promotes the education and training of it's members and supports the development and advancement of the profession of military comptrollership. (Kathleen E. Holcombe, Administrative Officer, (703) 428-6259 or fax (703) 428-6425)

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| May 8-9 | TEC Picnic Committee Used Book Sale |
| May 11 | Blood Drive – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Casey Bldg., Rooms 140 A and B |

Promotion

Congratulations to SSG Jonathan Daniels, TS-T on his promotion on May 1.

For Sale

1991 Honda Civic Hatchback 4-Speed, Air Conditioning, AM-FM Cassette, New Timing Belt, Tune-up, Brakes, CV Boots and Paint. \$1995/OBO. Runs Great, Good Commuter Car. Must sell. ((703) 680-2119 or 540-710-1904)